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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Kelly Hardwick Appointed Executive Director of Mississippi State Personnel Board**

Jackson, Miss. (February 28, 2017) – The Mississippi State Personnel Board today announced the appointment of Kelly Hardwick as Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, effective March 20, 2017. Hardwick replaces Deanne Mosley, who was recently named Executive Director of The Mississippi Bar.

“Kelly’s diverse experience and distinguished service to the State of Mississippi in both the public and private sector make him a clear choice to lead the Mississippi State Personnel Board, and we are pleased that he has accepted the position,” said MSPB Chairman Col. Nick P. Ardillo.

Governor Phil Bryant approved Hardwick’s appointment. “I appreciate the Personnel Board giving me the opportunity to offer input in its search for a new executive director,” said Governor Bryant. “I am delighted that the board members have chosen Kelly Hardwick to lead the agency. His experience and credentials will serve the people of Mississippi well.”

Hardwick has practiced law in the State of Mississippi for over twenty years. He previously served as general counsel and chief of staff for the Mississippi Home Corporation, the housing finance authority for Mississippi. As chief of staff for Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, he was responsible for all affairs and daily operations for the Lieutenant Governor. Following his tenure with the Lieutenant Governor, Hardwick has worked in private practice with a concentration in government consultation, public finance, and business transactions, representing clients before all branches of state and federal government.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board,” Hardwick said. “I am looking forward to working with the Board Members and agency’s staff to serve the State of Mississippi and its employees.”

Hardwick, a Brandon resident, received a Bachelor of Science from the University of North Alabama in 1989 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1993.

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